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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for
Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations
(WT Docket No. 11-65)*

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As Governor of Michigan, I am writing to express my support for the agreement between AT&T and T-Mobile (owned by Deutsch Telekom AG) to merge their wireless networks and allow the two companies to offer more high-speed broadband wireless capacity and service to consumers and businesses in the Great Lakes State.

Since taking office in January of this year, my administration has made Michigan's economic comeback its top priority. An important part of meeting this goal for the residents of our state is supporting and encouraging activities that stand to increase investment in Michigan and offer consumers and businesses greater access to the tools they need to succeed. The proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile does both.

In the news coverage and conversation surrounding this merger, terms like "spectrum," "compatibility," and "LTE" have often been used, and each helps describe the important positive points of this potential merger. Additional spectrum is required to bring about and deploy advances in next generation communications. The compatibilities of AT&T and T-Mobile's network technologies will allow for greater network efficiencies, and therefore increase effectiveness of service for consumers.

For Michigan, however, "reinvention" is the word that best describes the basis of my support. The expanded wireless broadband network will extend to all corners of our state, promising faster speeds and more reliable services that will help employers and

consumers across Michigan reinvent the way they do business, communicate, and compete. The innovation this will foster will help drive our economy, attract investment, and create new opportunities for employment.

AT&T has been a consistent contributor to Michigan and the state's economy for more than a century. The company employs roughly 10,000 Michiganders and communities across the state rely on the AT&T network to do business and communicate locally and globally. The benefits of this merger are significant for Michigan, especially at a time when leaders at all levels of government, in business, and in philanthropy, are working together to reinvent our state in order to rebuild our economy and attract new and better opportunities for our residents.

The increased and enhanced services to come from this merger will assist in these shared efforts and are the reasons the AT&T/T-Mobile merger has my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Snyder", is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rick Snyder
Governor